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REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the cross reference, and objected to claims 23 and 28-45. These objections are fully traversed below.

Claims 23, 28 and 30 have been amended to further clarify the subject matter regarded as the invention. In particular, claim 23 now depends on claim 19, and the informalities the Examiner identified with respect to claims 28 and 30 have been clarified in the manner suggested by the Examiner.

The specification has also been amended to reference the application number corresponding to U.S. Patent 5,548,276 as requested by the Examiner at a column and line number of the original specification as requested by the Examiner. Furthermore, a Supplemental Reissue Declaration is submitted herewith.

Reconsideration of the application and an early notice of allowance are earnestly solicited. Claims 19-46 remain pending.

Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee for such extension or any further fee required in connection with the filing of this Amendment is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. AET1P001R2).

Respectfully submitted,

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